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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6340

BILL NUMBER: SB 345

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Use of Restraints and Seclusion in Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Head

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Policy Development: The bill requires each school corporation, including a charter school, to develop a policy on restraint and seclusion that includes certain provisions.

Reporting: The bill requires restraint and seclusion policies to be published in a student handbook, made available to the public, and distributed at each initial case conference committee within the school corporation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:*

(1) *Policy Development:* The cost should be minimal.

(2) *Training:* If suitably trained individuals are not already on staff, school corporations would have to incur costs of either employing a sufficient number of personnel or training personnel already on staff. The cost of providing the additional training for school staff is currently unknown. Assuming that each school would have at least one trained individual assigned, the total cost for initial and recurrent training could be substantial.

(3) Reporting: The cost associated with publicizing the restraint and seclusion policy in the student handbook and making it available to the public should be minimal. The information could be incorporated into the annual performance report or placed on the school corporation's website.

The cost of notifying parents of a student who, because of the student's behavior, had to be physically restrained or placed alone in a room, should also be minimal.

Additional Information:

Training: A school staff member authorized to apply the positive behavioral techniques outlined in this bill must be trained in the use of these techniques.

Parental Notification: Schools are required to notify the parents of a student who, because of the student's behavior, had to be physically restrained or placed alone in a room. A copy of the incident report will also be forwarded to the parents.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations; Charter schools.

Information Sources:

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